

HEADQUARTERS

Military District of Washington

ANWOD 451

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SUBJECT: Justification of Maintenance Costs for CIG Vehicles

TO : Central Intelligence Group
2430 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

ATTN: [REDACTED] Budget Office

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1. Ft. Myer is now maintaining an average of 62 CIG vehicles in the Ordnance Maintenance shops involving 3rd, 4th and some 5th echelon. No funding program has been set up for this operation, and the meager appropriation of OSSA 410-01 money has been rapidly depleted as a result of supporting this extra activity.

2. Best available figures from Office Chief of Ordnance, Highway Transportation Division, Office Chief of Transportation, and Ordnance Officer, MDW, for the cost of automotive maintenance of administrative vehicles in above echelons, indicate that the yearly cost averages fully \$400. a year, per vehicle. At the present time, due to the nonavailability of replacement vehicles and the condition of these vehicles which are 1942 or older models, the maintenance costs run somewhat higher. However, we have been advised, that for funding purposes the aforementioned \$400. per year or \$33. per month per vehicle is an accurate cost estimate. These maintenance costs reflect the current high wage scale of qualified civilian mechanics, plus the time consumed in procuring repair parts and duplication of sub-assembly repair through reclamation. Reclamation often necessitates duplication of work and costly development of non-available parts by improvisation, manufacture and substitution.

3. In order to underwrite this CIG maintenance program, it is requested that a transfer of funds or reimbursement be effected at the rate of \$33.00 per month per vehicle for the number of vehicles being maintained by the Ordnance Maintenance shops at Ft. Myer. This reimbursement would be retroactive to 1 July 1946, under which date the present funding program was initiated. On a reimbursement basis, the Finance Officer, MDW, has agreed to furnish bills for each quarter since 1 July 46, listing by month the number of vehicles maintained and extending the cost at the rate of \$33. per month per vehicle. Reimbursement can be effected through normal channels of the Finance Office and War Department Budget Office to divert these funds into MDW OSSA 410-01 channels.

4. Request that immediate action be accomplished on this transaction in order that additional mechanics may be hired to reduce the serious backlog of unrepaired vehicles now on hand at Ft. Myer Ordnance Maintenance shops.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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